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In Re Patent Application of:

Stephen W. Rose

Serial No. 09/599,269

Filed: June 22, 2000

Title: ANNULAR PLEATED FILTER CARTRIDGE
FOR LIQUID FILTRATION APPARATUS

Group Art Unit: 1724

Examiner: Marianne S. Ocampo

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Sir:

Applicant submits this Response to the PTO Action of December 11, 2003 -- a final rejection. Applicant believes that, in view of the nature of the PTO action, the additional information provided with this Response places this application in condition for allowance. A one-month extension fee is paid (see authorization at the end of this paper).

Claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-15, 17-25, 27 and 29-31, as currently pending, are listed below. In the PTO action, the Examiner continued the rejection of the prior PTO action -- based on Gsell et al. in view of Marshall et al. A brief summary of applicant's present Response is given here:

- In dealing with applicant's response of September 8, 2003, the Examiner noted (at pages 17-18) that she "agrees [with applicant] that Gsell et al. have disclosed or taught a filter material which is thicker (i.e., 17 times thicker) than what is claimed [by applicant]" Applicant thanks the Examiner for this significant acknowledgment.
- In dealing with applicant's argument that Dr. Mayer's earlier declaration (November 28, 2001) is strong evidence of the unobviousness of applicant's claims -- because it

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lays out a factual basis for the unobviousness of combining Marshall et al. with prior art annular pleated filter cartridges that use typical non-woven materials (like that of Gsell et al.), the Examiner states that she finds such argument "not persuasive"; i.e., she discounts such Mayer declaration by stating (at page 17):

"[S]ince the material disclosed by Marshall et al. is not the TYVEK material which has been discussed by the Mayer declaration, arguments which pertain to this TYVEK material are deemed not material."

The Examiner's assertion about the Marshall et al. material is incorrect. The material of the Marshall et al. invention is precisely the TYVEK material which has been discussed by the earlier declaration of Dr. Mayer. Thus, contrary to the Examiner's assertion, such Mayer declaration is indeed material to the present rejection.

- A "Supplemental Declaration of Ernest Mayer," submitted herewith (to which a copy of his first declaration is attached), clears up that question by showing that the material of Marshall et al. invention is in fact what Dr. Mayer and applicant's arguments have referred to during prosecution of this application. In addition, such supplemental Mayer declaration directly and specifically supports applicant's arguments concerning the unobviousness of applicant's claims in the face of the rejection based on Gsell et al. (a typical non-woven annular pleated filter cartridge) in view of Marshall et al.
- Applicant gives further fact- and law-related arguments showing why this application should be allowed. Applicant's claimed invention is *not* obvious over the cited art.

Applicant's claims are set forth beginning on page 3 of this Response.

Remarks/arguments begin on page 9 of this Response.

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